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## **BLM'S GEORGE ORR NAMED BUREAU'S RANGER OF THE YEAR**

**HINES, Oregon** – At the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 2007 Law Enforcement Year End Review, Burns, Oregon, District employee George Orr received top honors as Ranger of the Year for the Bureau. Orr accepted the national award from Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, C. Stephen Allred in San Diego, California in January. At the presentation, Allred said, "Ranger Orr is a credit to the BLM. We are proud to have him on our team, and thank him for his service."

Orr, a native Oregonian originally from Roseburg, came to the Burns District in 2001. As the only Ranger for the 2.5 million-acre District, Orr's law enforcement responsibilities are as numerous and complex as they are widespread. Peers from Burns nominated Orr for the Bureau award, citing diligence, patience, thorough investigative work and a solid commitment to positive professional relationships as winning criteria. Specific highlights from Orr's career in Burns were also included in the nomination. His critical involvement in people and scene management in wildfire situations over the past 2 years and cooperation with local law enforcement agencies on everything from special projects to day to day operations were the focal points.

Burns BLM District Manager Dana Shuford said, "We are proud to have George selected for this award. Being the top Ranger in the entire Bureau is very commendable and we are pleased to see the recognition go to someone as deserving as George." Orr commented, "The award doesn't mean as much to me as the nomination itself. It is gratifying to have this kind of support from our local and state offices. Receiving equal appreciation at the national level through the Ranger of the Year award is just the icing on the cake."

